(b) No eligible IFS officer is "waiting" for posting.

(c) Only two posts of Ambassadors/High Commissioners are currently vacant in Missions abroad. The process for selection and appointment of suitable Ambassadors/ High Commissioners to these countries is already in hand.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of Nuclear Power Units

2580. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more nuclear power units for the larger benefit of society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENREGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposal for nuclear power development in the Ninth Five Year Plan include commencement of 2x500 MWe plant at, Tarapur (TAPP-3&4) and additional 2x220 MWe Unit at Kaiga (Kaiga-3&4), besides commissioning of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the 2x1000 MWe Nuclear Power Station at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu with Russian Assistance and the commencement of work on the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) of 1x500 MWe towards the end of the IX plan. Setting up of further Projects progressively during X Plan and XI Plan periods will depend on the availability of financial resources.

Nuclear Power Stations

2581. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Nuclear Power Stations presently functioning under the Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC)

(b) the power produced by these nuclear power stations during the last three years, station-wise and whether the same is as per their targeted capacity;

(c) whether lately these nuclear power stations have shown a lot of improvement in their production and the NPC expects to double its production;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the estimated production of nucelar power during the current year and the next year; and

(e) the estimated cost of production per unit by NPC as compared to the production by others?